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PRODUCER OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA - JERRY LUCAS, 41, of New Orleans, pleaded guilty in federal court today to producing child pornography in violation of federal law, announced U. S. Attorney Jim Letten.

Standing before United States District Judge Carl J. Barbier, **JERRY LUCAS**, admitted to producing digital images and Polaroid images of child pornography. **LUCAS** was arrested on February 15, 2007, after FBI agents executed federal search warrants at his Phillip Street home and Lee Circle office. Inside **LUCAS'** home FBI agents seized evidence consisting of computers and camera equipment which **LUCAS** used to produce images of child pornography. Moreover, in **LUCAS'** bedroom agents discovered pictures depicting the sexual victimization of a minor child. **LUCAS** told FBI agents that he produced images of child pornography. He has been in federal custody since his arrest.

LUCAS faces a mandatory minimum sentence of fifteen (15) years and a maximum sentence of thirty (30) years in federal prison. Upon his release from custody he will be placed on supervised release up to a term of life, be required to give a DNA sample, and will have to register as a sex offender.

Sentencing in this matter is scheduled for August 8, 2007 at 2:00 P.M.

The prosecution of this case is being handled by Project Safe Childhood Coordinator, Assistant U. S. Attorney Brian M. Klebba.